

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his assistance and courtesy in the telephonic interview held on July 1, 2009. Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed July 10, 2009, with an accompanying Examiner's Amendment.

In reviewing the Examiner's Amendment, applicant noted a few errors which should be corrected prior to issuance of the patent. Applicant proposes amending claim 1 to add the word --and-- before two of the wherein clauses, and to insert the word -the-- before the word "gelling" to improve the language of the claim. Applicant also proposes to correct the word "groups" to --group-- in the Markush expression in the final paragraph of claim 1. No substantive changes would be introduced by these amendments.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any questions.

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